

2007 - 2008 Recipients of the High Performance Athlete Grant

YELLOWKNIFE (November 29, 2007) - The recipients of the 2007-2008 High Performance Athlete Grant were announced today by the Honourable Michael McLeod, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and Abe Theil, President of the Sport North Federation.

"MACA and Sport North provide funding to support athletes of the Northwest Territories (NWT) through the High Performance Athlete Grant program," said Minister McLeod. "Athletes can use this funding to focus on excelling in their sport and reaching new heights with the funding provided."

"The High Performance Athlete Grant is an excellent tool that will help today's young athletes reach their potential," said Abe Theil. "It allows us to provide NWT athletes and their parents with financial backing to assist them in pursuing their dreams."

"I would like to thank MACA and the Sport North Federation for their continued support through the High Performance Athlete Grant Program. From my experiences, it truly is the very best amateur athlete support program implemented by a territorial or provincial government in all of Canada," said recipient and world record holder Michael Gilday.

The High Performance Athlete Grant program provides financial support to high performance athletes from the NWT. The Sport North Federation and MACA jointly fund the program and approve all recipients. More details on the High Performance Athlete Grant program can be found on the MACA website at www.maca.gov.nt.ca.

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The recipients for the High Performance Athlete Grant program for 2007-2008 are:

Cordella Bouvier	Soccer	Behchoko
Tyrone Yukon	Boxing	Deline
Jenny Thompson	Soccer	Fort Simpson
Chris Stipdonk	Duathlon	Fort Simpson
Lynette Anderson	Soccer	Fort Simpson
Sarah Daitch	Cross Country Skiing	Fort Smith
Betsy Mawdsley	Biathlon	Fort Smith
Brandon Thompson	Volleyball	Fort Smith
Brendan Green	Biathlon	Hay River
Alyssa Carpenter	Soccer	Inuvik
Stephane Pontus	Track and Field	Yellowknife
Sarah Stephen	Cross Country Skiing	Yellowknife
Michael Gilday	Speed Skating	Yellowknife
Jazzan Braden	Basketball	Yellowknife
Mike Argue	Cross Country Skiing	Yellowknife
Bethany Enge	Volleyball	Yellowknife
Jill Gilday	Speed Skating	Yellowknife
Lindsey Bolivar	Biathlon	Yellowknife
Andrew Matthews	Snowboarding	Yellowknife
Kurt Laube	Karate	Yellowknife
Graeme Ryder	Basketball	Yellowknife
Zachary Sullivan	Gymnastics	Yellowknife
Danielle Pontus	Badminton	Yellowknife
Joshua Bolstad	Hockey	Yellowknife
Thompson D'Hont	Cross Country Skiing	Yellowknife
Eric Aitken	X-Country Running/Track	Yellowknife